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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 01/05/2000.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 17, 18, renumbering as 1,2, respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**BRENDA PHAM**  
**PRIMARY EXAMINER**

*Brenda A. Pham* 2/28/06

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Wendy W. Koba, Reg. No. 30509 on February 28, 2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 17 is deleted in entirety and is replace it with the following:

"A telephone service method, comprising the steps of:

receiving incoming data for first and second pieces of customer premises equipment in a single multiplexed signal from a telephone switch over a telephone connection;

demultiplexing said signal;

converting a first portion of said incoming data to a communications protocol of said first piece of customer premises equipment;

transmitting said first portion of said incoming data to said first piece of customer premises equipment; and

transmitting a second portion of said incoming data to said second piece of customer premises equipment, wherein said steps of transmitting said first and second

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portions of said incoming data are performed in accordance with priorities assigned to said first and second pieces of customer premises equipment;

receiving a multicast signal from said telephone switch;

selectively filtering said multicast signal according to predefined preferences of a telephone customer; and

delivering to said first piece of customer premises equipment the selectively filtered portion of said multicast signal.”

Claim 18 is deleted in entirety and is replaced it with the following:

“A telephone service method, comprising the steps of:

receiving incoming data for first and second pieces of customer premises equipment in a single multiplexed signal from a telephone switch over a telephone connection;

demultiplexing said signal;

converting a first portion of said incoming data to a communications protocol of said first piece of customer premises equipment;

transmitting said first portion of said incoming data to said first piece of customer premises equipment; and

transmitting a second portion of said incoming data to said second piece of customer premises equipment, wherein said steps of transmitting said first and second portions of said incoming data are performed in accordance with priorities assigned to said first and second pieces of customer premises equipment;

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monitoring a use status of said first and second pieces of customer premises equipment;

monitoring a use status of a third piece of customer premises equipment; and

transmitting said first portion of said incoming data to said third piece of customer premises equipment when said first piece of customer premises equipment is in use and said third piece of customer premise equipment is not in use."

### ***Conclusion***

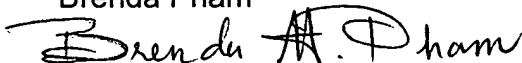
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brenda Pham whose telephone number is (571) 272-3135. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham, can be reached on (571) 272-3179.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

February 28, 2006

Brenda Pham

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda A. Pham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "A".

**BRENDA PHAM  
PRIMARY EXAMINER**